

Bloomfield Record.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., JAN. 23, 1873.

TO OUR READERS.

In accordance with the announcement, we place in your hands THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD. We trust you will not too sharply criticize us, in its first effort, or expect from us at the first, a perfect number; complete in make-up and the general requisites of a reliable paper. These qualities we hope to attain as we become more and more accustomed to editorial duty and the general routine of newspaper management.

It has been deemed unnecessary, in this connection, to enter into particulars relating to the inception and history of our enterprise—the why and wherefore of THE RECORD's appearing. To do so would oblige us to introduce personal matters, and these its proprietors, wish sedulously to avoid. This is not to be a personal or sensational paper. There shall be no controversy inaugurated by us.

Moreover, we think the matter referred to has already been sufficiently agitated and discussed, and therefore we dismiss the subject. We desire briefly to state what the general course and tenor of our paper is intended to be. We have not the inclination to appear in the role of a public educator or writer of carefully-elaborated essays on nice questions, social or political. We believe in a man's using and improving such gifts and talents as God has given him; going beyond this he is outside of his latitude, and is apt to make little or no headway. If we can give you a fair, average suburban newspaper, as creditable in the main as our contemporaries east, west, north and south, we shall be satisfied, and our readers, we think, will not expect more.

We propose to devote the first and last pages of our paper to entertaining and instructive literature suited to the taste and requirement of young and old.

The main features, however, should be the local affairs of our township and the vicinity, to the advancement and development of the interests and resources of whose citizens we stand committed. We will endeavor to obtain and publish all the important local news, together with New Jersey State and General intelligence, in an abridged form.

Legal and general advertising will also receive a certain limited space, as from this source must be derived the principal revenue to meet the expenses incurred in publishing this paper.

In conclusion, we stand on our own footing: Whatever credit or censure may result from this enterprise belongs to us alone.

Montclair.

We claim with some degree of pride that Bloomfield is the metropolis of our paper—THE RECORD being the first newspaper set up and published here. It was but a few years ago, however, that Bloomfield and Montclair were of one identity and interest. We used to vote together at the polls, the elections being held one year in this and the next in that section of what was then one township.

There has been since we separated some animosity and rivalry between the two places, though of late years this has become nearly extinct. Far be the desire from us to foster or perpetuate any unpleasantness of this nature; rather would we strive to unite the two places in stronger bonds of friendship and good will, looking forward to the time, perhaps not many years distant, when it may become mutually advantageous for us to be re-united.

In any event, however, we wish to declare that the policy of our paper toward Montclair will be that of cordial friendship. We will cheerfully devote any space in our local columns that may be needed for Montclair items, and welcome from her citizens such communications as they may care to send us. Quite a number of her citizens have given us their names and we shall be glad to receive more of them.

The Tribune says, editorially: "It will not do for the New Jersey Legislature to refuse to pass the bill already before it for a new railroad across that State on the old excuse that a charter is sought only for the purpose of blackmail. The names of the corporators, including such eminently respectable men as William Walker Phelps and ex-Gov. Newell, establish the good faith of the project beyond question."

REV. JOSHUA LEAVITT, D. D., died at the residence of his son in Brooklyn on the evening of the 16th inst., at the age of seventy-nine years. He has been a prominent newspaper editor for the past forty years. He established the New York Evangelist, and was managing editor of the Independent for a number of years.

The annual report of the President of Harvard College for 1871 and 1872 shows a steady increase in the number of students and a gradual progress of the institution in its general character and course of instruction toward the university standard of the Old World.

Napoleon III.

The life of this man was an eventful one—full of romantic adventure, hap and mishap. His career has been in some instances commendable; he has done something, perhaps we should say much, for the good of science and the welfare of his subjects while at the head of the French nation, an Emperor; but his intrigues and artifice to gain his ambitions ends were despicable, and he may be said to have leaned to the side of vice rather than virtue. As the *resume* of his life has appeared in most of the papers, we will only append an extract from a letter of his detailing his escape from the Fortress of Ham, May 25th, 1846:

"Not wishing to communicate my design to any one, it was necessary to disguise myself. As several rooms in the part of the building I occupied were undergoing repairs, it was not difficult to assume the dress of a workman. My good and faithful wife, Charles Thelin, procured a smock-frock and a pair of sabots, (wooden shoes), and, after shaving off my moustaches, took a plank on my shoulders.

"On Monday morning I saw the workmen enter, at half-past eight o'clock. Charles took them some drink, in order that I should not meet any of them on my passage. He was also to call one of the *gardiens* (turnkeys,) whilst Dr. Conneau conversed with the others. Nevertheless, I had scarcely got out of my room before I was accosted by a workman, who took me for one of his comrades, and, at the bottom of the stairs, I found myself in front of the keeper. Fortunately, I placed the plank I was carrying before my face, and succeeded in reaching the yard. Whenever I passed a sentinel, or any other person, I always kept the plank before my face.

"Passing before the first sentinel, I let my pipe fall, and stopped to pick up the bits. There I met the officer on duty, but as he was reading a letter, he did not pay attention to me. The soldiers at the guard-house appeared surprised at my dress, and a drummer turned round several times to look at me. I next met some workmen, who looked very attentively at me. I placed the plank before my face, but they appeared to be so curious, that I thought I should never escape them, until I heard them cry, 'Oh! it is Bernard!'

"Once outside, I walked quickly towards the road of St. Quentin. Charles, who, the day before, had engaged a carriage, shortly overtook me, and we arrived at St. Quentin. I passed through the town on foot, after having thrown off my smock-frock. Charles procured a post-chaise, under pretext of going to Cambrai. We arrived without meeting with any obstacles, at Valenciennes, where I took the railway.

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